

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and respectfully submit that applicants are of the opinion that the adsorbent defined by claim 1 of the present application differs from that defined by claim 26, 27, 34-36 or the process defined by claim 38 in that claim 1, the claims dependent thereon and process claim 16 include limitations which are not present in the designated claims of the copending application.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. 101 be clarified in order to point out why the claims in the subject application are considered to be directed to the same invention as covered by the claims designated by the Examiner in the rejection. At the present time the patent number to be assigned to the allowed application 557,061 has not been received by the applicants.

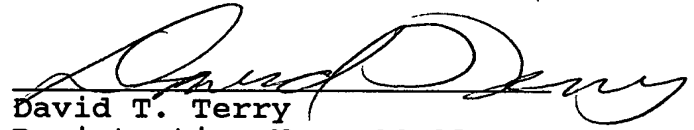
Upon receipt of this information, and upon receipt of clarification from the Examiner, or the basis for the double patenting rejection, applicants will prepare and file appropriate Terminal Disclaimer to avoid this rejection and to place the application in immediate condition for allowance. At present, it is not clear how the claims in the present application afford the same coverage as afforded by the allowed claims in the copending application.

To the extent necessary, applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account

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